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## UNDEFEATED SOUTH BEND TOPS \$120,000-ADDED STREET SENSE OVERNIGHT STAKES

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019) – Sagamore Farm**'s two-time winner **South Bend** tops a field of 11 2-year-olds that were entered in Sunday's \$120,000-added Street Sense Overnight Stakes, the featured event on the 11-race Stars of Tomorrow I program that opens the 26-day Fall Meet at Churchill Downs.

The Street Sense is carded as Race 10 Sunday and is part of a stakes doubleheader beneath the Twin Spires. Its counterpart for fillies, the \$120,000-added Rags to Riches Overnight Stakes, is slated for Race 9. First post on Sunday is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern).

Trained by **Stan Hough**, South Bend (2-2-0-0—\$98,212) won the first two starts of his career, including a maiden-breaking performance on Sept. 14 at Churchill Downs. The son of Algorithms could be hoping for a fast pace after closing from far behind in both of his starts. South Bend was well-backed by bettors in his second start at Keeneland – a first-level allowance contest – and got his nose down in front of rival **Wheat King** just before the wire.

Julien Leparoux will pilot South Bend from post 4, one spot inside of Chiefswood Stables' Wheat King who will get a rider change from Declan Carroll to Miguel Mena.

Also entered in the Street Sense is **Walking L Thoroughbreds**' \$150,000 With Anticipation (GIII) winner **Fighting Seabee**. Trained by **Kenny McPeek**, Fighting Seabee (3-2-0-0—\$120,000) will switch to the dirt for the first time in his career. The son of Summer Front most recently finished fifth in the \$250,000 Bourbon Stakes (GIII) at Keeneland. **Brian Hernandez Jr.** has the return call from post 7.

The Street Sense field (with jockey, trainer and weight): **Sprawl** (Corey Lanerie, Bill Mott, 118 pounds); **Tap It To Win** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mark Casse, 118); Wheat King (Mena, Casse, 118); South Bend (Leparoux, Hough, 120); **Mr. Tip** (Sophie Doyle, Jack Sisterson, 118); **Silver Prospector** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 118); Fighting Seabee (Hernandez, McPeek, 122); **American Butterfly** (Luis Saez, D. Wayne Lukas, 118); **Axiomo** (Gabriel Saez, Mikhail Yanakov, 120); **Shotski** (Sheldon Russell, Jerry O'Dwyer, 118); and **Carpe Victoriam** (James Graham, Tom Amoss, 120).

Sunday's National Weather Service forecast for Louisville calls for partly sunny skies and a high near 65.

Record purses of more than \$20.1 million will be offered during the 2019 Fall Meet. The Street Sense received its third purse increase in the last seven years. The one-turn race which honor's **James Tafel**'s 2007 Kentucky Derby winner, was boosted \$20,000 from 2018.

The 11-race card on Sunday will feature all 2-year-old horses. Inaugurated in 2005, the Stars of Tomorrow programs at Churchill Downs have helped launch the careers of more than 50 future Grade I winners including Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** and Kentucky Oaks winners **Rachel Alexandra**, **Believe You Can** and **Monomoy Girl**.

Sunday also doubles as Family Adventure Day presented by Kroger. There will be more than 15 activities for children 12 and under to enjoy including the annual trick-or-treat at the track where more than one ton of candy will be handed out. Ticket information is available at <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com">www.churchilldowns.com</a>.

## IMPRESSIVE MAIDEN WINNER SPECIALLY LEADS COMPETITIVE FIELD IN RAGS TO RICHES

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019)** – **John Oxley**'s **Specially**, a convincing 5 ½-length maiden winner three weeks ago at Keeneland, leads a field of seven 2-year-old fillies that were entered in Sunday's seventh running of the \$120,000-added Rags to Riches Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs.

Run at one mile, the Rags to Riches annually serves as a prep race for the 1 1/16-mile \$300,000 Golden Rod (Grade II) on closing weekend of the Fall Meet at Churchill Downs. The Rags to Riches is carded as Race 9 Sunday with a post time of 5:06 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post for the 11-race Stars of Tomorrow I program that features all 2-year-old races is 1 p.m.

Specially (1-1-0-0—\$62,615), a precocious filly trained by **Mark Casse**, was the 2-1 favorite in a field of 12 fillies in her debut at Keeneland and won impressively in a final time of 1:10.45 for six furlongs. Specially is a daughter of Tapiture who ran on the Stars of Tomorrow I card in 2013 when finishing third in a maiden special weight.

**Miguel Mena** picks up the mount on Specially from the injured **Florent Geroux** and will break from post 4. Geroux, who fractured his sternum two weeks ago during a training mishap at Keeneland, is targeting an early-November return, according to agent **Doug Bredar**.

Also entered in the Rags to Riches is **Alex Campbell Jr.**'s two-time winner **Lucky Jingle** (4-2-0-1—\$78,900). The daughter of Tonalist, trained by **Graham Motion**, raced on turf in her first three starts but switched to the dirt in her most recent outing at Keeneland where she bested an eight-horse field by 3 ½ lengths in a first-level allowance. **Julien Leparoux** has the call from post 7.

The Rags to Riches field (with jockey, trainer and weight): Lady Glamour (Julie Burke, Larry Demeritte, 120 pounds); Curlinesque (Tyler Gaffalione, Cherie DeVaux, 118); Gone Glimmering (James Graham, Tom Amoss, 120); Specially (Mena, Casse, 118); Finite (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 118); Spotted Ghost (Brian Hernandez Jr., Bret Calhoun, 118); and Lucky Jingle (Leparoux, Motion, 120).

The one-turn race is named in honor of **Derrick Smith** and **Michael Tabor**'s 2007 Kentucky Oaks (GI) winner. Two years ago, **Michael Dubb** and **Monomoy Stables' Monomoy Girl** cruised to a 6 ½-length score in the Rags to Riches prior to her triumph in the 2018 Kentucky Oaks.